(c) the length of border where fencing has been completed out of the total length to be fenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) The Border Security Force are making use of excavators and bulldozers of the required specification for digging and levelling the broken ground for erection of border fencing and construction of protective bund. The excavators and bulldozers are being bullet proofed in order to shield the workers from the unprovoked and continuous Pakistani fire aimed at disrupting the work.

30 Kms of fencing has been completed so far, out of a total length of 180 Kms of the International Border in the Jammu sector which is to be fenced.

Properties of displaced Kashmiri Pandits

*44. SHRI MUNNAVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various Department of Central and State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have taken possession of the properties belonging to displaced Kashmiri Pandits/individuals and religious institutions temporarily/permanently without taking consent of the owners;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no compensation/rent etc. has been paid to several such owners;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government intend to take necessary action to pay compensation; and

(e) if so, by when this is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) It is true that various Departments of Central and State Governments have occupied properties belonging to displaced Kashmiri Migrants without taking consent of their owners because of the security situation in the State. As intimated by the Government of J&K, the details of properties belonging to Kashmiri Migrants under occupation of various Departments of Government and Security Forces are given as under:

	No. of Houses Land Occupied	Rent assessed for	No. of cases Under process
Houses	1201	819	382
Land	9717.57 (Kanals)	6276.22 (Kanals)	120

Government of J&K has been requested to expedite the assessment/release of rent in all the cases.